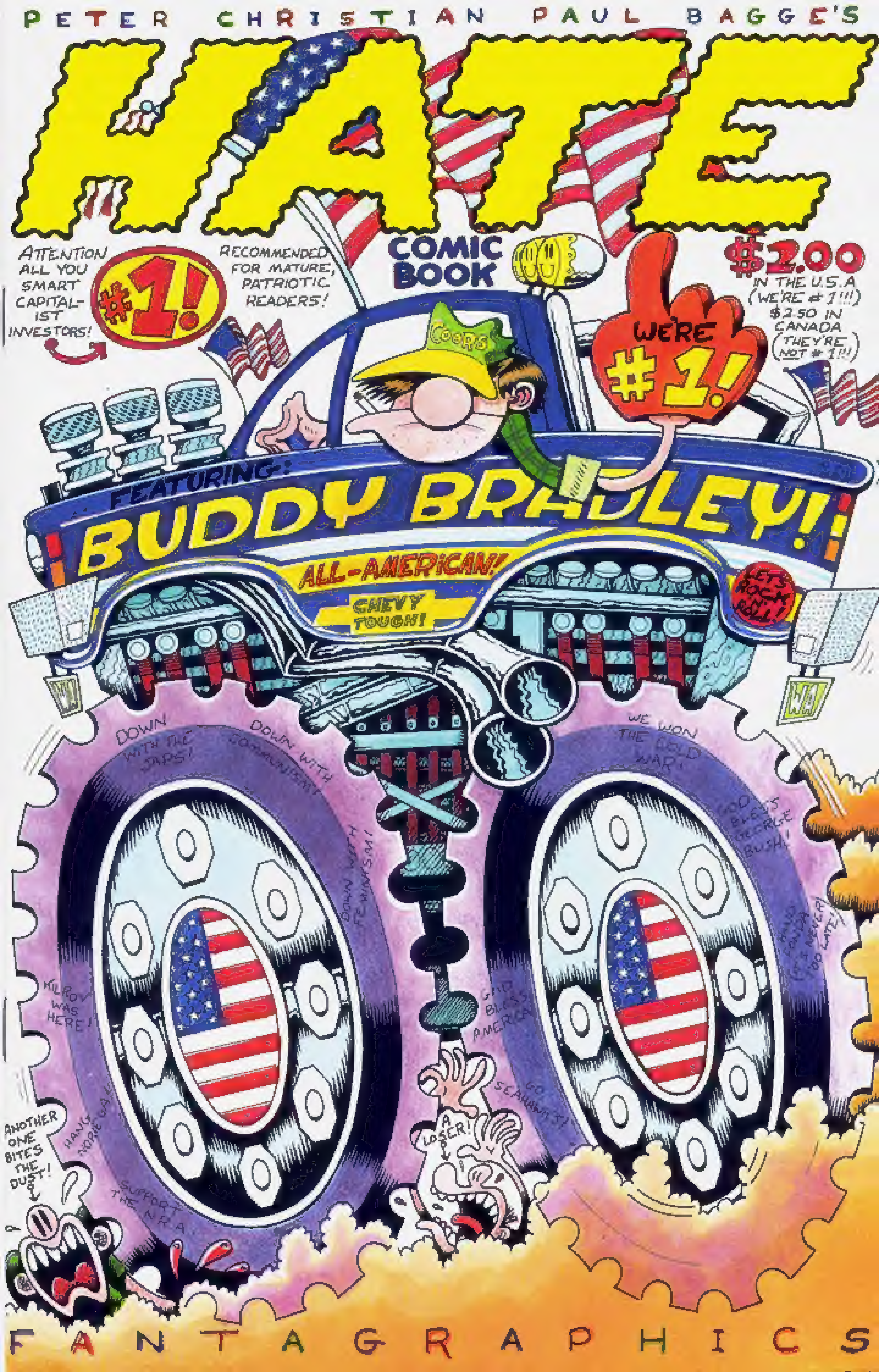
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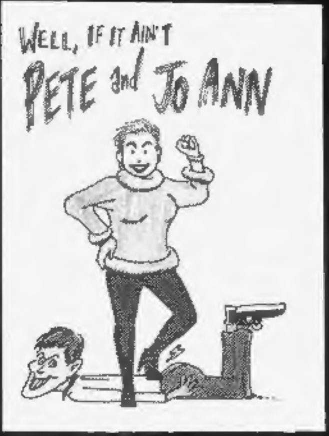

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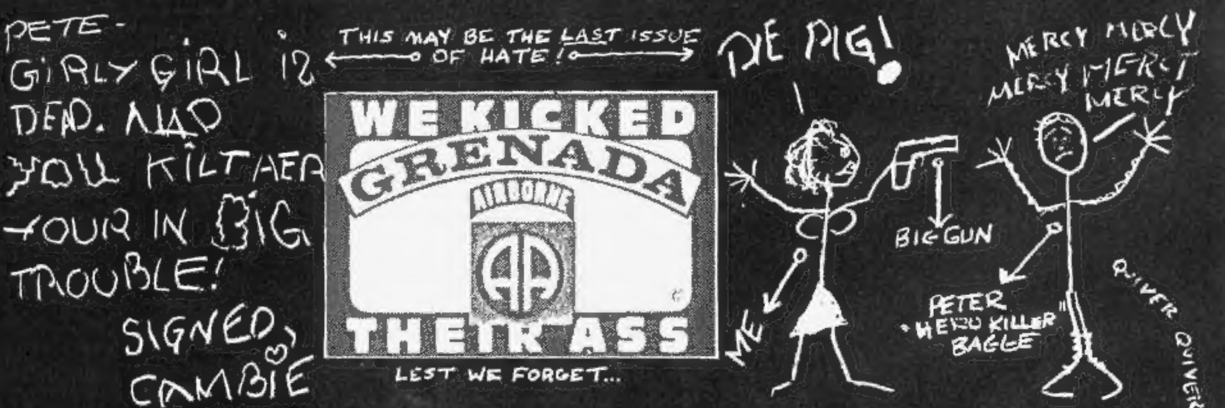

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"THE LIGHTER SIDE OF BOHEMIA" DEPT.

IT TAKES UP THE WHOLE TOP FLOOR OF THIS HOUSE...
FOUR ROOMS FOR ONLY $450 A MONTH. PRETTY CHEAP FOR THIS TOWN, LEMME TELL YA...
IT'S IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE TOO, EXCEPT FOR WHEN IT RAINS WE GET THESE WEIRD WET STAINS IN THE HALLWAY.
IT LOOKS LIKE WATER, BUT IF YOU TOUCH IT IT'S STICKY..GROSS, HUH?
SKWISHY SKWISH!
OH, I GOTTA SHOW YOU THE BALCONY...
THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO HAVE PARTIES IN THE SUMMER, WHAT WITH THE VIEW AND ALL...
...YA GOTTA BE CAREFUL THOUGH, SINCE THERE'S NO GUARD RAILS...
..ONE NIGHT I CAME OUT HERE FOR A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, BUT WITHOUT WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING I WALKED RIGHT OFF THE EDGE AND LANDED FLAT ON MY FACE! GOOD THING I WAS DRUNK OR I MIGHT HAVE HURT MYSELF!
♫ THERSH A MOOON OUT TO-NI-YUT, WHA-WHA-WHA-
WHA?
OOF!
PLOP!
C'MEER, YA GOTTA CHECK OUT THE VIEW FROM THIS SIDE...

AWE INSPIRING, ISN'T IT? MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M THE KING OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
YOU CAN EVEN SEE DOWNTOWN FROM HERE!
OOH, HEY, DO YOU SEE THAT BALD GUY SUN-BATHING ON THE ROOF OVER THERE?
SOMETIMES AT NIGHT HE'LL HAVE A BABE UP THERE WITH HIM AND THEY'LL BE GOING AT IT RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN!
YOU SHOULD HERE THE NOISE HE MAKES WHEN HE'S PORKING AWAY! HE SOUNDS LIKE A DYING MOOSE!
HE GOES LIKE THIS: ARRROOO-OOGAH!!!!
IT'S LIKE HE WANTS THE WHOLE NEIGHBOR-HOOD TO KNOW HE CAN STILL CUT THE MUSTARD!
OH SHIT, HE'S LOOKING THIS WAY!
HE MUST'VE RECOGNIZED HIS MATING-CALL!
QUICK, LET'S GET BACK INSIDE THE HOUSE!..
...SO, UH, ANYHOW, THIS IS MY ROOM, AND THIS IS ANOTHER BEDROOM, AND THE BATHROOM'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE KITCHEN...
...AND THAT'S THE END OF THE GRAND TOUR. I HOPE YOU WERE IMPRESSED.

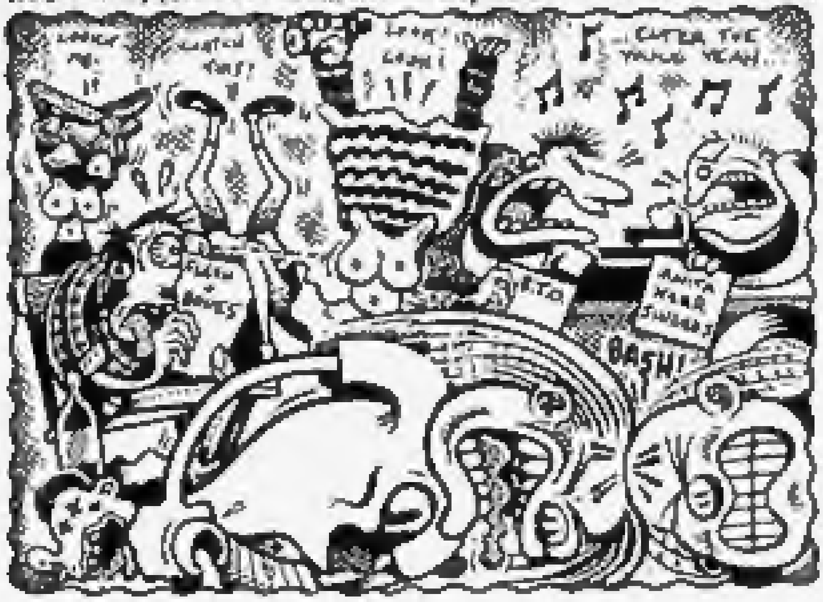
HEY, HAVE A SEAT, MAN, PARK YER CARCASS...
YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
ALL WE GOT IS BEER AND GRAPEFRUIT JUICE...
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND RAINIER...
..OH, SORRY, BUT THIS BOTTLED STUFF IS FROM MY OWN PRIVATE STASH, AND I DON'T LIKE TO SHARE...
BESIDES, IT'S THE ONLY ONE I HAVE LEFT...
SMOCK!
THERE'S A LOT OF THESE MINI-BREWERIES OUT HERE...THEY COST MORE BUT THEY TASTE A LOT BETTER...I'M HOOKED ON 'EM NOW... CAN'T DRINK THAT CHEAP STUFF ANY-MORE...
HERE, TASTE IT...
PRETTY GOOD, HUH?... WHA, YOU DON'T LIKE IT? OH WELL, I GUESS IT'S AN ACQUIRED TASTE...
WHAT CAN I SAY, I'M A BEER SNOB NOW... I KNOW, IT'S DISGUSTING...
YOU WANT A CIG? NO? MIND IF I SMOKE? ... GOOD...
.. NO, I JUST STARTED SMOKING RECENTLY... AT FIRST IT WAS AN OCCASIONAL PUFF... NOW I'M A HOPELESS DRUG ADDICT...
..I WAS DRINKING PRETTY HEAVILY THERE FOR A WHILE, 'CUZ YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN YOU GO TO A LOT OF DIFFERENT PARTIES AND YA HARDLY KNOW ANYONE THERE AND YA NEED TO DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR HANDS IN ORDER TO STAY COOL AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT YOU'RE SHNOCKERED.
SO NOW I LIGHT UP INSTEAD...LESSER OF TWO EVILS, I GUESS, WHAT WITH THE WAY I WAS DRINKING...

SO, WHAT BRINGS YOU OUT TO THESE PARTS?..
...JUST A SPUR OF THE MOMENT THING, HUH?...
.. ARE YOU STILL LIVING WITH_UH_DARN, THE NAME ESCAPES ME...UMM...
...WHA? YOU SPLIT UP!? HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?
..OH YEAH?..
..THE NERVE OF SOME PEOPLE..
...I WOULDN'T STAND FOR THAT KIND OF SHIT EITHER..
OH WELL, ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, I SUPPOSE..
_CHEER UP, THINGS COULD BE WORSE, AT LEAST YOU'VE GOT THAT JOB YOU ALWAYS WANTED...
...YOU WERE FIRED?! JEEZ...
...WELL, SO WHAT, RIGHT? A JOB'S A JOB, RIGHT? YOU'LL FIND ANOTHER ONE...
..OH MAN, YOU'RE KIDDING..
...I HAD ONE OF THOSE THINGS ONCE, TOO...HURT LIKE A SON OF A BITCH...
...DID YOU SEE A DOCTOR ABOUT IT? MAYBE YOU SHOULD...
...I HATE DOCTORS TOO, BUT STILL...
..WELL, I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING DEPRESSED, BUT THESE THINGS HAPPEN.. BAD NEWS ALWAYS COMES IN THREES, SO AT LEAST YOU'RE IN THE CLEAR FOR A WHILE...YEAH WELL FUCK YOUR PARENTS! THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM...YOU GOTTA LIVE IT UP WHILE YOU'RE STILL YOUNG...LET THE OLD FOLKS DO THE WORRYING_THAT'S ALL THEY'RE GOOD FOR...
...THERE'S MORE BEER IN THE FRIDGE ..HELP YOURSELF..

SO TELL ME, DIDJA EVER THINK I'D EVER LIVE IN AS SWELL A SET-UP AS THIS ONE?
I'LL ADMIT IT AIN'T THE PLAYBOY MANSION, BUT IT SURE BEATS THE HECK OUTTA WHAT I'M USED TO!
IN FACT, THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU I WAS SLEEPING ON THAT DESERTED BEACH, REMEMBER?
IT'S BEEN A LONG SLOW CLIMB UP-HILL SINCE THEN, LEMME TELL YA...
AFTER MY BEACH BUM PERIOD I MOVED INTO THIS SPLIT-LEVEL DUMP FULL OF TRANSIENT TEENAGE HOODS + DOPE ADDICTS.. IT WAS A LOT LIKE THAT MOVIE "SUBURBIA", ONLY THESE KIDS WEREN'T REALLY "PUNKS"...WE WEREN'T EXACTLY ANYTHING— JUST A BUNCH OF REJECTS AND LOSERS SITTING AROUND IN OUR GREASE-STAINED PARKAS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY HEAT (THOUGH WE DID HAVE CABLE)...I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO OWNED THE PLACE...
SLURPEE
PLAYING "FREE BIRD" WITHOUT AN AMP.
KENTUCKY FRIED!! BLUE-VEINS
AFTER THAT MY PAL STINKY FOUND WHAT LOOKED LIKE THE ULTIMATE PARTY PALACE: A HUGE, UNRENOVATED LOFT RIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY! WELL, IT WAS IN BROOKLYN, TO BE EXACT, BUT THAT'S PART OF NEW YORK, RIGHT? AND IT WAS ONLY $425.00 A MONTH! WE THREW A PARTY THE DAY WE MOVED IN TO CELEBRATE OUR GOOD LUCK...
...SOCK IT TO ME BAYBAY, BAY-UH-BAY...
CLINK!
...IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE WHEN A WRECKING BALL CRASHED THROUGH OUR WALL TWO MONTHS LATER...SHOULDA KNOWN IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...
KER-RASH!

...SO THEN WE DRAGGED OUR SORRY ASSES BACK TO **JERSEY**— THIS TIME TO A SIX-ROOM BASEMENT APARTMENT IN THE RUN-DOWN SIDE OF **HOBOKEN**... SOME FRIENDS OF FRIENDS WERE ALREADY LIVING THERE AND WANTED MORE ROOMIES TO SPLIT THE RENT...

HOBOKEN WAS BETTER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. IT SEEMED LIKE **SOMETHING** WAS ALWAYS GOING ON **SOMEWHERE** IN THAT TOWN... A **"HAPPENING SCENE"** IS WHAT IT WAS ...MET A LOT OF INTERESTING PEOPLE, INCLUDING LOTS OF **CRAZY, HORNY CHICKS** ALWAYS VYING FOR ATTENTION... YES SIR, **GOOD OLD HOBOKEN!**



OUR ROOMMATES WERE OKAY TOO: A GUY AND TWO GIRLS WHO WERE **SUPPOSED** TO BE SOME SORT OF A **MUSICAL COMBO**, BUT THEY WERE LAZY AND HARDLY EVER PRACTICED... THANK GOD...

LIVING WITH THE FEMALES GOT TO BE A BIT OF A **HASSLE** AFTER A WHILE, THOUGH... ONE OF THEM TURNED OUT TO BE A REAL **CLEAN FREAK**— SHE EVEN STARTED ACTING LIKE A **MOM** AND BEGAN ASSIGNING **CHORES** TO THE REST OF US!

THE OTHER ONE WAS THE EXACT OPPOSITE: **LETHARGIC** AND **INDIFFERENT** TOWARDS EVERYTHING, INCLUDING **SEX**, DUE TO THE FACT THAT SHE WAS A **JUNKIE**... TOO BAD FOR ME, SINCE I SORTA HAD THE **HOTS** FOR HER... BOO HOO...

IN FACT, THAT EXPERIENCE HAS CONVINCED ME THAT IT'S **NOT** A GOOD IDEA TO SHACK-UP WITH WOMEN, WHETHER IT'S PLATONIC OR NOT.
ALL THAT **TENSION + BITCHINESS + HURT FEELINGS**--IT'S JUST NOT WORTH THE **AGGRAVATION**! FROM NOW ON I'M A **CONFIRMED BACHELOR**-- MARK MY WORDS!
...SO WHERE WAS I? OH YEAH, HOBOKEN...
YEAH, AFTER A WHILE ME AND STINKY GOT **FED-UP** WITH LIVING IN NEW JERSEY...
WE WANTED TO SEE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, MAYBE LEAVE THE EAST COAST **FOR GOOD**...
SO WE GRABBED A MAP TO PICK OUT A TOWN AT RANDOM--IT JUST HAD TO BE A PLACE WHERE THE **RENTS** WERE **CHEAP** BUT WASN'T **TOO REDNECK**-- AND WE SETTLED ON **MINNEAPOLIS**...
BIG MISTAKE! THAT PLACE WAS **FREEZING!** AND THE PEOPLE ARE A PRETTY COLD BUNCH TOO, ESPECIALLY THE **WOMEN!** THAT TOWN HAS GOT TO BE THE **FEMMIE-LEZBO CAPITAL OF THE UNIVERSE!**
LOOK, I'M NOT GONNA TRY TO PRETEND THAT I'M THE MOST **ENLIGHTENED** GUY IN THE WORLD, BUT I WANT TO MAKE IT **PERFECTLY CLEAR** THAT I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF **EQUAL RIGHTS** FOR EVERYONE AND BLAH BLAH BLAH--**HOWEVER**, I DON'T APPRECIATE BEING **LECTURED** OVER THE FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT THAT I PURSUE, AS IF THAT WAS THE SOURCE OF ALL THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS! I MEAN, EVEN **GUYS** ARE GIVING ME SHIT THESE DAYS, THE **PUSSIES!** I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE AND **I AIN'T BUYING IT!**
BUT I...
YEAH, BUT...
HUP
BUT...
WHAT A BUNCH OF **KILLJOYS!**
...SO NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE HAD TO GET OUT OF THAT BURG **FAST!** THEY SAID **CALIFORNY** IS THE PLACE YA OUGHTA BE, SO WE LOADED UP THE TRUCK AND WE MOVED TO...

...SEATTLE, WHERE WE'VE BEEN FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW...
FUCKIN MT. RAINIER
FUCKIN SPACE NEEDLE
FUCKIN I-90
(YEAH, WE DID CONSIDER MOVING TO CALIFORNIA, BUT...UH, THAT'S WHERE "MAJOR DAD" AND THE '49ERS COME FROM!)
SO, YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD ALL THE GLOWING REPORTS ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL SEATTLE IS. WELL LET ME TELL YOU, IT AIN'T THAT GREAT!
THE PEOPLE ACT WAY TOO PLEASANT AND CIVILIZED.. MAKES YA WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO HIDE...
PLUS IT'S GETTING TOO CROWDED AND POLLUTED, JUST LIKE EVERYWHERE ELSE, I GUESS.
STILL, I GOTTA ADMIT IT'S BETTER THAN ANYWHERE ELSE I'VE BEEN, SO I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN...
ONE THING I REALLY LIKE ABOUT THIS AREA IS THE CLIMATE...IT'S A LOT LESS HUMID THAN BACK EAST. MY SKIN'S CLEARED UP A LOT SINCE I MOVED OUT HERE.
POOR OLD FRED HE SMOKED IN BED!
...I'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF SCARS LEFT, BUT AT LEAST I'M NOT COVERED WITH THOSE PUS-FILLED BOILS LIKE I USED TO BE, REMEMBER? NOW I'VE GOT THE MIKE SCHMIDT LOOK...
YEAH, I'M STILL DOING A LOT OF PARTYING, ALTHOUGH THE PARTIES OUT HERE ARE PRETTY DEAD...PEOPLE JUST SIT AROUND, EAT SOME CHIPS, PLAY SOME RECORDS, AND THEN GO HOME...
CANS AND BOTTLES
MIXED PAPER
NEWSPAPER
... WHAT AM I DOING FOR MONEY? THE USUAL—ONE BORING JOB AFTER ANOTHER..
RIGHT NOW I'M WORKING AT A USED BOOKSTORE, WHICH IS A GOOD WAY TO BUILD UP MY OWN PERSONAL LIBRARY...
IF YOU LOOK THROUGH MY SHELVES YOU'LL SEE I'VE MADE QUITE A FEW "FINDS"...
..FOR A WHILE I WAS WORKING IN A MUZAK FACTORY, BELIEVE IT OR NOT.. I FIGURED IT'D BE WORTH A FEW LAUGHS, BUT THE NOVELTY WORE OFF REAL QUICK...
LISTENING TO VIOLINS PLUCKING OUT TUNE OF "PAPA DON'T PREACH"
CHECKING FOR "GLITCHES"

MY GOAL IS TO EVENTUALLY QUIT MY JOB AND SUPPORT MYSELF BY COLLECTING AND DEALING RECORDS, COMICS OR WHATEVER.. MAYBE EVEN OPEN UP A STORE..
THERE'S A LOT OF "IF'S" INVOLVED THOUGH, SINCE MOST FULL-TIME COLLECTORS I KNOW ARE TOTAL SCUM, SO I MAY NOT BE CUT-THROAT ENOUGH TO PULL IT OFF.
WE'LL SEE, WE'LL SEE...
TAP TAP
...I'D ESPECIALLY HATE TO WIND UP LIKE STINKY, WHO'S BEEN SCAMMIN' 'N' STEALIN' 'N' RIPPIN' PEOPLE OFF RIGHT 'N' LEFT SINCE HIGHSCHOOL, BUT STILL IS LIVING FROM HAND TO MOUTH..
IF EVERYONE'S GONNA HATE YOUR GUTS YOU OUGHTA AT LEAST HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR IT..
STINKY'S BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THAT HE GETS THESE BIG IDEAS, LIKE MANAGING A ROCK BAND OR OPENING A SKATEBOARD SHOP OR STARTING A FANZINE, BUT HE ALWAYS RUNS OUT OF STEAM BEFORE HE EVEN GETS STARTED...
AND HE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO ROPE ME INTO THESE SCHEMES, SINCE WE'RE A "TEAM", ACCORDING TO HIM!
THE FANZINE IDEA KINDA APPEALS TO ME, SINCE YOU'D GET A LOT OF FREE STUFF IN THE MAIL IF YOU PUT IT OUT ON A REGULAR BASIS, THOUGH YOU'D NEVER MAKE A LIVING OFF OF IT..
I'D LIKE TO DO ONE LIKE THIS ONE... THESE GUYS JUST WRITE ABOUT WHATEVER THEY'RE INTO AT THE TIME, REGARDLESS OF "MARKET DEMANDS"
MOTORBOOTY
HERE, CHECK IT OUT..
THE PROBLEM IS THAT IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A BUCK OFF OF IT YOU'VE GOT TO SPECIALIZE, AND TAP INTO SOME ESTABLISHED COLLECTOR SCENE ..LIKE THERE'S A GUY IN THIS TOWN WHO PUTS OUT A MAGAZINE THAT'S ABOUT BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN AND NOTHING ELSE! NOT MY IDEA OF A GOOD READ, BUT I'LL BET HE'S MAKING A PRETTY PENNY OFF IT.
OF COURSE, STINKY WANTS TO DO A MUSIC 'ZINE. HE NEVER OUT-GREW THAT WHOLE ROCK SCENE TRIP.. HE STILL DREAMS OF MAKING VIDEOS AND FUCKING GROUPIES..
I HATE THAT WHOLE SCENE SO MUCH. I HATE THE FANS, THE GROUPIES, THE CLUB OWNERS AND ALL THE OTHER PARASITES.. AND I ESPECIALLY HATE THE MUSICIANS! THE YOUNG ONES ARE SO ARROGANT AND THE OLD ONES ARE SO PATHETIC!
I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH ALL THOSE ASSHOLES!

...WHAT? YEAH, I'M STILL ROOMING WITH THE STINKSTER... IF YOU HAD TOLD ME FIVE YEARS AGO THAT I'D BE LIVING WITH HIM I WOULD'VE KILLED MYSELF... BUT HE'S OKAY, BASICALLY...
WE ARE SORT OF A TEAM, I GUESS...
...I'M THE "NORMAL" ONE, HEH-HEH...
OH, WE HAVE ANOTHER ROOMMATE, TOO...
HIS NAME IS GEORGE HAMILTON — I KID YOU NOT!
C'MON, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU...
HE'S SO QUIET I SOMETIMES FORGET HE'S HERE.
HEY GEORGE! ARE YOU IN THERE?
KNOCK! KNOCK!
GEORGE? I...UH...
BUMP!
HEY! WHAT'S THIS MOTOR DOING HERE?
I FOUND IT LYING IN THE ALLEY...
IT REMINDS ME OF HOW MY FATHER USED TO MAKE ME MOW THE LAWN...
...DID I EVER TELL YOU HOW MUCH I DESPISE MY FATHER BUDDY?
UH, YEAH, ABOUT A MILLION TIMES.
WELL, I SEE YOU'RE BUSY, SO I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE...
...BYE...
(JESUS)
GEORGE IS A BIT STRANGE...
HE JUST SITS IN HIS ROOM AND WRITES AND DRAWS AND READS SCIENCE FICTION ALL DAY...
EVERY NOW AND THEN HE PUTS OUT ONE OF THESE LIL' XEROXED MAGAZINES, WHERE HE SPOUTS OFF ON RELIGION AND POLITICS AND U.F.O.S 'N' WHATNOT... I DON'T GET NINE TENTHS OF IT MYSELF ...SOMETIMES I THINK HE MIGHT BE SCHIZO OR SOMETHING.
GOTE
GEORGE CECIL HAMILTON, JR
DEATH AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE
ACHIEVING SPIRITUAL PURITY THROUGH EXISTENTIAL DESPAIR
...AND WHAT'S SO WEIRD ABOUT HIS HATING HIS OLD MAN IS THAT HIS FATHER PAYS FOR ALL OF HIS LIVING EXPENSES!
BUT AT LEAST HE WASHES HIS OWN DISHES AND MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS, UNLIKE A CERTAIN OTHER ROOMMATE OF MINE...

* BE SURE TO WASH YOUR HAND AFTER SHAKING STINKY'S WITH IT!

Y' KNOW, I'M GETTING REALLY SICK OF YOUR BULLSHIT...
YOU'RE SICK OF ME?! I'M SICK OF THE WAY YOU'RE ALWAYS MOPING AROUND AND COMPLAINING AND CRITICIZING WHILE I'M OUT TRYING TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!
WELL, IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT WHY DON'T YOU MOVE OUT?
OH, YOU'D LOVE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU? WELL YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET RID OF ME THAT EASY!
I'M ON TO YOU! YOU'RE TRYING TO SQUEEZE ME OUT BEFORE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND MOVES IN!
WHAT?! YOU THINK I'D LET HER MOVE IN HERE? NEVER!
DID HE GIVE YOU THAT SPEECH TOO, ABOUT HOW HE'D NEVER LIVE WITH A WOMAN AGAIN? WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP!
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND, ANYWAY SHE'S JUST MY LATEST JIZ-JAR, THAT'S ALL.
YEAH, RRRRIGHT... YOU'RE HER JIZJAR! YOU'RE SO PUSSYWHIPPED IT MAKES ME EMBARRASSED TO BELONG TO THE SAME GENDER AS YOU!
CRUNCH!
THAT DOES IT, MAN! I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU! YOU'RE OUT OF HERE AS OF TOMORROW!!!
THAT'S FINE WITH ME! AND JUST FOR THAT YOU CAN'T BE IN-VOLVED IN THE MOVIE I'M GONNA MAKE!
MOVIE? WHAT MOVIE?
HEY, WHAT DO YOU CARE? I'M SURE YOU COULDN'T BE BOTHERED ANYWAY
BUT...
FORGET I SAID ANYTHING...

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M HEARING HERE— YOU'RE GONNA MAKE A MOVIE?! HOW?
DUM DE DUM.. ..NO COMMENT.. MMM H-MMM...
..WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MAKING MOVIES? AND WHERE ARE YOU GONNA GET THE MONEY FROM?
GET A LOAD OF THIS DOUBTING THOMAS OVER HERE! SEE WHAT I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH? SEE WHAT LITTLE FAITH HE HAS IN ME?
WELL, EXCUUUSE ME! HOW COULD I POSSIBLY DOUBT YOU, WHAT WITH YOUR PERFECT TRACK RECORD OF NEVER FINISHING ANY-THING YOU'VE STARTED!
THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT... I THINK I'VE FOUND MY CALLING NOW..
SWITCH!
AS A FILMMAKER..
YES! AS A FILM-MAKER!
I'VE GOT THE WHOLE THING FIGURED OUT! AND IT'LL HARDLY COST US A THING, BELIEVE ME!
NOTICE HOW HE ALWAYS SAYS "US" WHEN HE STARTS TALKING ABOUT SPENDING MONEY?
...NOONE WILL EXPECT SLICK PRODUCTION VALUES AS LONG AS WE SELL IT AS A "CULT" MOVIE! UNDER-GROUND FILMMAKERS CAN GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING!
BUT YOU STILL NEED A CAMERA! AND FILM COSTS A FORTUNE THESE DAYS!
NOT FOR US IT WON'T! FRED IS GONNA LEND ME HIS CAMCORDER...

A CAM-CORDER? OH BOY! WE'RE GONNA MAKE HOME VIDEOS! I CAN'T WAIT!
DON'T BE SO NARROW-MINDED, BUDDY! EVERYBODY'S USING VIDEO THESE DAYS! IT'S A PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE AND RESPECTED MEDIUM!
JUST THINK OF THE POSSIBILITIES, MAN! ONCE WORD GETS OUT THAT WE'RE MAKING A MOVIE EVERYBODY WILL WANT IN ON IT—THE CHICKS ESPECIALLY!
I'VE SEEN THE EFFECT THAT BEING IN A MOVIE HAS ON PEOPLE—IT'S LIKE A MAGIC POTION! IT'S GONNA EMPOWER US, MAN!
ALL RIGHT, YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT!
SHAKE! SHAKE!
SO WHAT'S THIS MOVIE GONNA BE ABOUT, OR DON'T YOU HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA?
I'VE GOT PLENTY OF IDEAS! ONLY I THINK WE OUGHT TO START OFF SIMPLE, BY DOING A SORT OF A "SLICE-O'-LIFE" DEAL ABOUT A REGULAR CAT LIKE YOU OR ME.
SOUNDS BORING...
NO, IT WON'T BE, 'CAUSE WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP IT TRUE-TO-LIFE, Y'KNOW? LIKE, WE COULD SPICE IT UP BY MAYBE HAVING A MURDER TAKE PLACE, OR BY HAVING THE MOB AFTER YOU.
DID YOU SAY THE MOB WILL BE AFTER ME? WHY ME?
BECAUSE I'M GONNA DIRECT IT, AND YOU'RE GONNA PLAY THE GUY...
FORGET IT, I'M OUT...
AW, C'MON, PAL! DON'T BE A CHICKEN! YOU'LL BE GREAT! ALL YA GOTTA DO IS ACT NATURALLY!
HEY, DON'T YOU THINK HE'D BE GREAT IN IT? GO ON, TELL HIM HE'S GOT NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! GO ON! TELL 'IM!
I SAID FORGET IT!

BUT YOU HAVE TO! YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN DEPEND ON! DON'T YOU WANT TO BE A STAR?
NO.
SURE YOU DO! EVERYBODY DOES! WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO SEE YOURSELF UP THERE ON THE SCREEN MAKIN' IT WITH SOME FOXY BABE?
HMMM WHAT FOXY BABE DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
OH, I DUNNO. HOW ABOUT, SAY, YOUR GIRLFRIEND? SHE SEEMS LIKE THE TYPE WHO'D BE GAME FOR ANYTHING..
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND!
MAYBE SHE'D EVEN CONSENT TO A CLOSE-UP OF THE OL' IN-OUT!
WAIT A MINUTE, PALSIE YOU SEEM TO BE FORGETTING THAT THOSE ARE MY GENITALS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT EXPOSING TO THE WORLD.
BUT WE GOTTA HAVE SOME SEX IN IT! HOW ELSE WILL WE MAKE OUR MONEY BACK!
HEY, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A PORNO FLICK THAT'S FINE WITH ME, BUT YOU'D BETTER FIND SOME-ONE ELSE TO PLAY YOUR MALE LEAD.
LIKE WHO, F'R INSTANCE?
WELL, HOW ABOUT YOURSELF? WITH YOUR POWERS OF PERSUASION YOU OUGHTA BE ABLE TO TALK A WHOLE BEVY OF BEAUTIES TO CO-STAR WITH YOU!
ME? NAW, I .. GEE, DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
SURE! I CAN SEE IT NOW. "STINKY'S SEX-CAPADES — EROTIC CINEMA WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN!"
YA KNOW, THAT AIN'T A BAD IDEA! ONLY INSTEAD OF "STINKY'S SEXCAPADES" I'LL CALL IT "LEONARD THE LOVE GOD".. YEAH, I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT ..
..SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD REALLY TAKE OFF! I'LL BE THE FIRST PORN STAR TO CALL HIS OWN SHOTS! I'LL SERIALIZE IT, AND OFFER A SUBSCRIPTION SER-VICE TO IMPROVE MY CASH FLOW! SOON I'LL BE ABLE TO HIRE OTHER ESTABLISHED STARS BLAH BLAH BLAH
DON'T FORGET TO CLIP 'N' SAVE YOUR REVIEWS!
LOOK FOR THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF "LEONARD THE LOVE GOD" AT A VIDEO STORE NEAR YOU! — THE END!

NOW THAT YOU'VE JUST READ A STORY ABOUT SOME PEOPLE SITTING AROUND TALKING, HERE'S **ANOTHER** STORY ABOUT SOME PEOPLE SITTING AROUND TALKING! ONLY THIS ONE IS A **TRAGIC TALE**, WROUGHT WITH PATHOS, RESENTMENT AND WOE, FOR THESE POOR SOULS ARE (FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING):

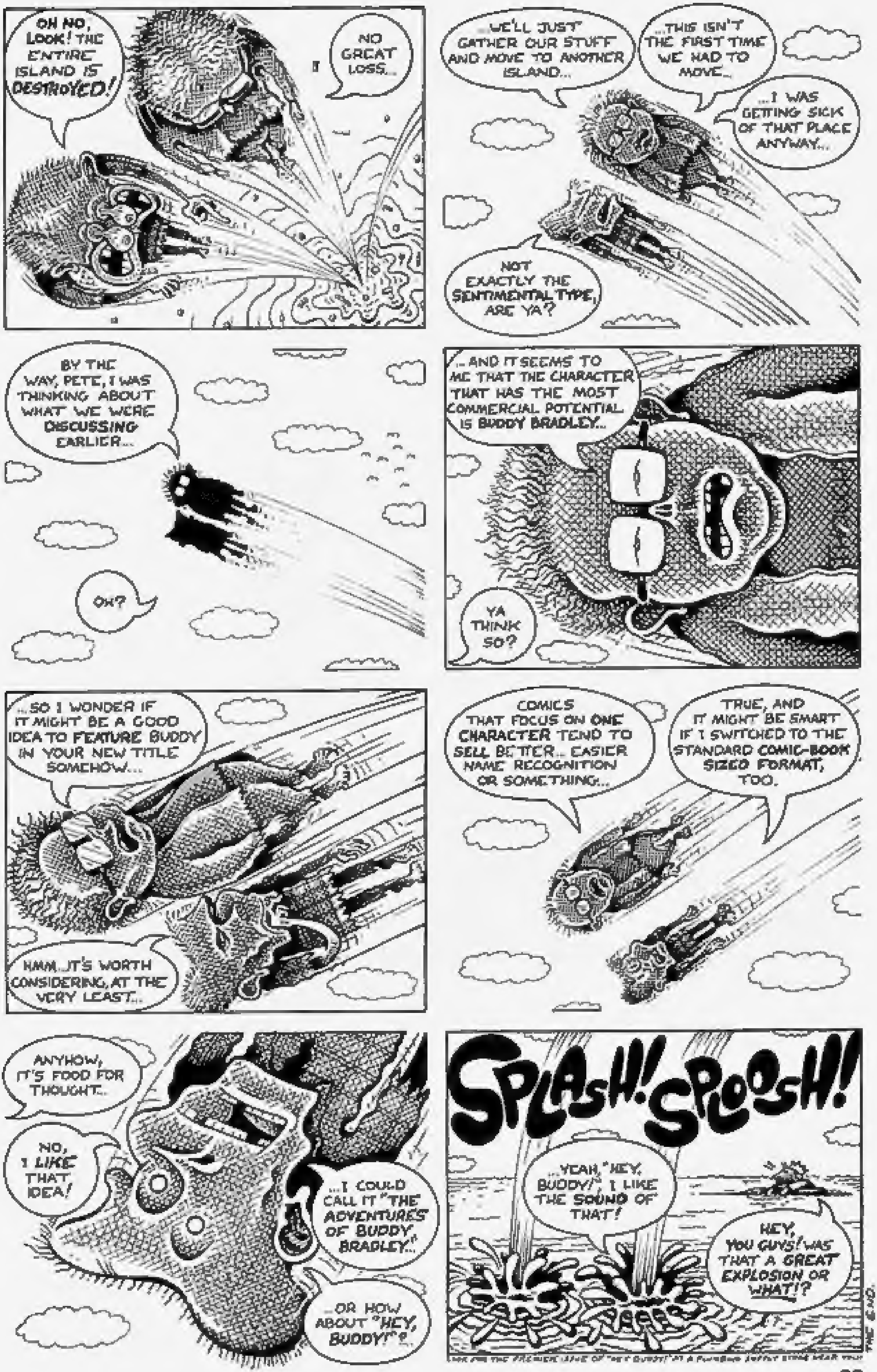
ALL "EQUALITY" MEANS TO MOST PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO GET RICH, AND HOW YOU GET RICH IS OF LITTLE CONCERN, AS LONG AS IT APPEARS LEGAL...
I UNDERSTAND THAT, I WAS JUST POINTING OUT THE HYPOCRISY. BUT AS FOR HOW PEOPLE GET RICH, ALL I CAN SAY IS ONE MAN'S TEA IS ANOTHER MAN'S POISON
HOW DO YOU MEAN?
I MEAN WHAT WE MIGHT CONSIDER TO BE AN OFFENSIVE OR IMMORAL WAY TO MAKE MONEY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE MAY FIND PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE. YET YOU COULD PUBLISH SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK IS GREAT ART, BUT 99% OF THE PUBLIC MIGHT CONSIDER IT OBSCENE GARBAGE!
HMMM.
BUT THEN WE DON'T EXACTLY FIT INTO YOUR ARGUMENT, SINCE WE'VE NEVER MADE A KILLING OFF OF ANYTHING WE'VE EVER PUBLISHED.
I'M SURE THAT IF WE EVER DO PUT OUT A BIG SELLER THAT WE'LL BE ACCUSED OF PANDERING, BUT THAT'S A PROBLEM I'D BE WILLING TO DEAL WITH.. HEH-HEH
I THO.. I TOLD YOU TO SHUT UP
SPEAKING OF TITLES THAT DON'T SELL, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE YOUR NEW COMIC READY TO GO?
OH, GEE, I DUNNO..
AND WHAT'S IT GONNA BE CALLED? HAVE YOU SETTLED ON A TITLE YET?
..NO. NO, I CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO CALL IT
WHAT ABOUT THE NAME "HATE"? I LIKED THAT ONE.
NAH..I WAS ONLY KIDDING WHEN I SUGGESTED THAT ONE.. HOW COULD I EXPLAIN A TITLE LIKE THAT TO MY MOTHER?
BESIDES, "HATE" SOUNDS TOO PUNK, TOO WISE-ASS, AND I'M GETTING TOO OLD FOR THAT ROUTINE.
HMM. SO YOU'RE TRYING TO DISASSOCIATE YOURSELF FROM YOUR PAST, IS THAT IT?
NO, NOT EXACTLY.., TRUTH IS, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT'S GONNA BE ABOUT
WHY NOT? WRITER'S BLOCK?
HIPPIES
NOT REALLY, I'VE GOT PLENTY OF IDEAS.. IT'S MORE LIKE "COLD FEET"..
I WANNA BE SURE I'M MAKING THE RIGHT MOVE..
RIGHT MOVE TOWARDS WHAT?

TOWARDS... MAKING A MILLION DOLLARS...
HA! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO THINK PRETTY CAREFULLY ABOUT THAT LITTLE PLAN!
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT YOU COULD COME UP WITH THAT WOULD EVER MAKE THAT KINDA DOUGH!
AW C'MON, YOU GUYS! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING ME OUT, HERE! DON'T YOU WANT MY COMICS TO SELL BETTER?
OF COURSE! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS!
THERE WAS NO MARKET FOR A BOOK LIKE YOURS BACK THEN. WE PRACTICALLY HAD TO INVENT ONE!
BAH! YOU GUYS ARE TOO NEGATIVE, THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM! I'D BET IF I TOOK MY TITLE TO ANOTHER PUBLISHER THAT I'D DOUBLE MY CIRCULATION RIGHT OFF THE BAT!!!
AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT, PETER?
UHH.. I DUNNO.. THAT'S WHAT SOMEONE TOLD ME. PEOPLE SAY YOU'RE TOO PESSIMISTIC; THAT YOU REFUSE TO PLAY BY THE RULES..
RULES?! WHAT RULES? CHURNING OUT GENRE CRAP IS THE ONLY "RULE" WE REFUSE TO FOLLOW!
I'LL ADMIT WE'RE PESSIMISTIC, BUT WE'VE GOT GOOD REASON TO BE
OKAY, SO MAYBE I OVERESTIMATE MY COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL, BUT CAN'T YOU AT LEAST SUGGEST WHAT DIRECTION I SHOULD TAKE IN ORDER TO..TO..
IN ORDER TO WHAT, SELL MORE COPIES? HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW! ALL I CAN SUGGEST IS THAT YOU KEEP DOING WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING.
HOPEFULLY THE PUBLIC WILL COME AROUND, BUT I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES..
YEAH, I SUPPOSE. JUST KEEP ON DOIN' MAH THING..WHATEVER THAT IS.
SIGH
NOW WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
FUNNY ANIMAL READING POSITION!
THE PROBLEM IS I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
WHEN I LOOK AT MY OLD COMICS I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY ANYBODY BOUGHT THEM!
I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS JUNK! I DRAW LIKE A RETARDED GARAGE MECHANIC WHO COPIES OUT OF "CAR-TOONS" MAGAZINE! WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO LOOK AT THIS GARBAGE!?

IT'S NO WONDER THAT CARTOONISTS LIKE MYSELF HARDLY MAKE ANY MONEY! WE DON'T DESERVE IT!
PEOPLE WITH REAL JOBS PROVIDE A SERVICE FOR A LIVING! THEY EARN WHAT THEY MAKE!
I'VE GOT PROBLEMS
BUT WHAT PURPOSE DOES A COMIC LIKE THIS SERVE? NONE! ZERO! NADA! ZILCH!
THE WORLD NEEDS COMICS BY PETE BAGGE LIKE IT NEEDS A SECOND APPENDECTOMY!
NEAT STUFF
SIGH!
..WELL, I ALWAYS GOT A BIT OF A KICK OUT OF YOUR STUFF, BUT WHAT DO I KNOW.
?
LOOK, PETE, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME JUDGING YOUR OWN WORK OBJECTIVELY, AND HOW NICE IT WOULD BE FOR YOU IF KIM AND I WOULD POINT YOU IN A CERTAIN DIRECTION THAT WOULD MOST BENEFIT YOU FINANCIALLY AS WELL AS ARTISTICALLY, BUT UNLESS YOU'RE GOING TO BLATANTLY SELL OUT IN SOME WAY, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU
MUMBLE M'GRUMBLE
OUR POLICY IN CASES LIKE YOURS HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ENCOURAGE THE ARTISTS TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN INSTINCTS, AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY
..NO ONE CAN GUARANTEE YOU SUCCESS
YOU'RE RIGHT, GARY. WHAT CAN I SAY? YOU'RE ALWAYS RIGHT.
SO, HOW SOON DO YOU THINK YOU'LL HAVE THE COVER READY FOR US..
THE COVER? CHRIST, KIM, I DON'T KNOW...
OH SHIT! LOOK AT THE TIME!
THE CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED TO START IN FIVE MINUTES..
CEREMONY? WHAT CEREMONY?

GARY'S GOING TO BLOW UP A TOILET BOWL.
HE IS? WHY?
BEATS ME. I'M SURE HE'LL COME UP WITH A REASON.
THIS, MY FRIENDS, IS WHERE THE CEREMONY SHALL TAKE PLACE.
THE '80s
AND, AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE, I HAVE CHOSEN THIS TOILET BOWL TO SERVE AS AN ALLEGORICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DECADE THAT HAS JUST RECENTLY, MERCIFULLY, DRAWN TO A CLOSE...
THE '80s
...AS YOU WELL KNOW, I WAS NOT A BIG "FAN" OF THE 1980s, A TIME MARKED BY THE INSIDIOUS AND IMMORAL ACCEPTANCE—IF NOT ENDORSEMENT OF—GREED, SELFISHNESS, WASTE, SUPERFICIALITY, STUPIDITY, APATHY, CYNICISM AND THE LIKE, TRAITS THAT HAVE COME TO DOMINATE AND POISON OUR CULTURE DURING THE SO-CALLED "REAGAN YEARS"...
SLURP!
ZZZZZZ...
AND WHILE I HAVE NO REASON TO ASSUME THE '90s WILL BE ANY BETTER, I FELT COMPELLED TO EXPRESS MY DISPLEASURE AT THE DIRECTION OUR SOCIETY HAS TAKEN DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS...
GRRRR...
GNASH!
THAT'S RIGHT! BRING BACK FREE LOVE!
(PLUS HE LIKES TO BLOW THINGS UP)...
I HEARD THAT! I THOUGHT I HAD MADE MYSELF CLEAR THAT I'M NOT JUST DOING THIS FOR "KICKS"! THIS IS A FORM OF SELF-EXPRESSION!
THIS IS SOCIAL CRITICISM AT IT'S TRUEST, PUREST, MOST UNADULTERATED MANIFESTATION!
WE UNDERSTAND, YOUR HIGHNESS...
NO NEED TO EXPLAIN.
GOOD! NOW LET US COMMENCE WITH THE FESTIVITIES!
IS EVERYBODY READY?
AS READY AS WE'LL EVER BE...
OKAY... HERE GOES...
HSSSSSSS...

KA-BOOWIE!



OH NO, LOOK! THE ENTIRE ISLAND IS DESTROYED!
NO GREAT LOSS...
...WE'LL JUST GATHER OUR STUFF AND MOVE TO ANOTHER ISLAND...
...THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE HAD TO MOVE...
...I WAS GETTING SICK OF THAT PLACE ANYWAY...
NOT EXACTLY THE SENTIMENTAL TYPE, ARE YA?
BY THE WAY, PETE, I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE WERE DISCUSSING EARLIER...
OH?
...AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE CHARACTER THAT HAS THE MOST COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL IS BUDDY BRADLEY...
YA THINK SO?
...SO I WONDER IF IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO FEATURE BUDDY IN YOUR NEW TITLE SOMEHOW...
HMM...IT'S WORTH CONSIDERING, AT THE VERY LEAST...
COMICS THAT FOCUS ON ONE CHARACTER TEND TO SELL BETTER... EASIER NAME RECOGNITION OR SOMETHING...
TRUE, AND IT MIGHT BE SMART IF I SWITCHED TO THE STANDARD COMIC-BOOK SIZED FORMAT, TOO.
ANYHOW, IT'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT...
NO, I LIKE THAT IDEA!
...I COULD CALL IT "THE ADVENTURES OF BUDDY BRADLEY"...
...OR HOW ABOUT "HEY, BUDDY!"?...
SPLASH! SPLOOSH!
...YEAH, "HEY, BUDDY!" I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!
HEY, YOU GUYS! WAS THAT A GREAT EXPLOSION OR WHAT!?
THE END.

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